

# Nancy Parish

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*"My passion to share their inspirational history comes from the WASP themselves, who believe that, if it's the right thing to do, with God's help, you can do anything. It has been overwhelming to witness miracles unfold, as God has made everything about Wings Across America possible. I absolutely believe it is the right thing to do."*

## PROFILE

Visionary and creative designer, transforming educational information into inspirational and exciting entertainment. Extensive experience in digital media, video, music and print.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Writer, designer, "One Fly Girl's Scrapbook" the first WASP app

Designer/creator: brand new "FlyGirls WASP WWII Exhibit," an inspirational, museum quality traveling exhibit.

Writer, graphic artist, designer: "WASP, In Their Own Words, An Illustrated History" (242 pp full color)

Creator: 'Wings Across America,' to give every surviving WASP the opportunity to tell her story on digital video tape and to create inspirational multi media experiences for generations to come.

Producer / Videographer for interviews with 110 WASP in 19 states across the United States.

Creator/designer: 'WASP on the WEB' website which includes over 2,000 pages, with interactive games, songs, audio and video clips, photographs, and many other primary resources on the WASP

Official Congressional Liaison to the US Mint for the design of the WASP Congressional Gold Medal. Appointed by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Sen. Barbara Mikulski and Rep. Ileana Ros Lehtinen and Rep. Susan Davis. July 2009 -

Designer/creator Wings Across America's original "FlyGirls of WWII." Opened on September 15, 2007 at the Mayborn Museum Complex, Waco, TX. (Exhibit run extended twice, closing on April 1, 2008.) Designer: Flygirls expansion-- which tripled the size of the exhibit. successfully opened at the Women In Military Service For America Memorial, Nov 14, 2008 and held over to April, 2010. February 2010

Creator and director: grassroots 'social media' campaign using twitter, facebook, email and blogs to successfully lobby Congress to award the Women Airforce Service Pilots of WWII the Congressional Gold Medal.

Producer: "Marching Songs of the WASP" available on itunes.

Creator and founder: National WASP WWII Museum. Designer: brochures, posters and flyers, and museum exhibits for the National WASP WWII Museum. Producer: opening Museum dedication ceremonies, flyover, parade and events honoring the WASP. Designer: original museum website. Creator: national membership campaign, generating over 1,200 charter members from all 50 states.. Museum Director: 2003 - 2006.



## DESIGNER:

Designer: "Faces of the WASP Mosaic" Individual FACES of all the WASP make up the print of an AT-6 taking off from Avenger Field into the West Texas sunset.

Designer: Legacy WASP Afghan -- sharing the history of the WASP in a unique way.

"New Girls In Town" Cover of Daedalus Flyer; featuring the names of all the WASP who joined as new members.

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

"Spirit of the WASP" article for Pilot Magazine, Winter 2012

"An Honor of Extraordinary Proportions" Daedalus Flyer cover article, Fall, 2010

"With No Regrets" pp. 86-89. Salute to Freedom, Spring 2008. Lafayette Marketing Group, Inc.

"Impossible? Not for My Mother, the WASP!" NPR article, spring, 2010

"Above and Beyond With Flying Colors: Women Airforce Service Pilots" pp. 67 - 69. USAF Founding Centennial & 60th Anniversary. Preface by President George W. Bush, Forward by Michael W. Wynne. Introduction by General T. Michael Mosley. Times Group, 2007.

"Wingtip to Wingtip: women in aviation and the pioneering WASP" pp. 69-71. One Hundred Years of Powered Flight, 1903-2003. Forward by H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh. The Times Group, London, 2003.

Speeches & National PR: Pentagon Channel Feature; Air Force News; Girl Scouts "Women of Distinction" West Texas Region; Zonta International; Texas Historical Foundation; US Army (Ft. Hood).

## RECENT AWARDS

"Spirit of Cochran Award," 2008 -- given by the National WASP WWII Organization:

*FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE EXEMPLIFYING THE COURAGE, PERSISTENCE, AND  
INDOMITABLE, PIONEERING SPIRIT OF MISS JACQUELINE COCHRAN,  
FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF THE WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS, WWII.*

2010: Texas State Community Service Award, Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

2010: Inducted into the 99's International Forest of Friendship.

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, 1976, University of Houston

Master of Arts in Directing, 1980, Baylor University

## BIOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND

Born in Denver, Colorado to TWO Air Force Pilots, Nancy grew up a proud 'Air Force Brat,' attending seven grade schools in five states (and 2 countries). Her colorful career has taken her around the world as a USO entertainer with the show group, Tomorrows Sunshine. She has had the opportunity to work professionally as an actor, singer, talent agent, casting director, producer, writer, song writer and web designer, Line Producer for Baylor University's High Definition Film, "Most Significant Journey," and location casting director for the feature film, "Where the Heart Is."

1994-1996: Senior Producer : KCTF Public Television, Waco, Texas. (Responsible for writing, editing, talent co-ordination, grant writing and production.)

1993: Co-writer, director and producer a video: "How To Break Into Show Business Without Breaking Your Heart"

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS

Veteran's History Project, ASCAP, Women in Aviation International, World Organization of Webmasters, International Webmaster's Association, Baylor Alumni Association, Mu Phi Epsilon